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With Love and Money

Personalities

"I married for love and got a little money along with it."

With classic understatement Rose Kennedy, 82, recalled her courtship with the late Joseph P. Kennedy in an interview in Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Kennedy said her mother made her turn down a date with her future husband at the Harvard junior prom to make a trip to Palm Beach. "As fate would have it," she commented, "I've been in Palm Beach every year since and I've still never been to a junior prom."

The mother of President John F. Kennedy, she is writing her memoirs.

Goodbye to All That

Mrs. Evrett Dirksen, widow of the senator from Illinois, and Mrs. Ben Regan, whose late husband is credited with having gotten Dirksen into politics, were honored yesterday at a coffee party given by Mrs. Dirksen's daughter, Mrs. Howard Baker Jr., wife of the senator from Tennessee.

In town until Tuesday to see the Inauguration, Mrs. Dirksen now lives in Florida and says she doesn't miss the Washington political life. "I wouldn't want it—not alone," she said.

The Missing Million

Candid Camera producer Allan Funt filed suit in New York yesterday for $1.6 million which he claims was stolen from him by his former accountant.

Funt brought the action against Joan Goldes, wife of the accountant, Seymour Goldes. She was named guardian of her husband's property after he was declared incompetent to manage it himself.

Goldes was indicted on 35 counts of grand larceny and is awaiting trial.

Dog-Kicking Day

One William Claude Buckenfield (better known as W. C. Fields) used to say things like, "I went to Philadelphia one Sunday and it was closed." But rather than abhorring his memory, the Shackamaxon Society of Philadelphia, a group of civic boosters, is holding a salute to Fields on Jan. 29.

The event will feature dog-kicking and child-insulting, recalling Fields' antipathy toward man's best friend and progeny. But to escape the wrath of animal lovers, they will use a stuffed dog; and the child is Peter Alotta, 11, son of the Shackamaxon's president.

Request Denied

Sixteen members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who asked to be excused from performing in the Inaugural Concert tonight because they considered it "a de facto political situation," have had their requests denied.

A mimeographed letter was sent to each by the Orchestra Association, stating that the orchestra "is legally committed by contract to perform at the Inaugural Concert," and adding that the association is "confident that these musicians will, regardless of their political views, fulfill this musical engagement in the highest tradition of the Philadelphia Orchestra and of the performing arts."

Wilfred Batchelder, one of the protesting musicians, said that the musicians would probably comply, but that "it is they who have made a political decision—we have made a moral one, consistent with the highest views of the Philadelphia Orchestra and the performing arts."

Handshakes, Kisses

The Vice President wasn't coming after all, they said, so Nixon financiar Tom Pappas of Boston was getting all the attention at the reception given yesterday by the White House for Greek-Americans.

Pappas, who was on the finance committee of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, had just come back from Athens, where he owns Esso and Coca-Cola franchises. He was greeted with handshakes and kisses by many of the 60 Greek-Americans who attended the reception at Blair House.

Nixons Aloft

A charter flight for which the qualification is that each passenger be a member of the Nixon or Ryan (Mrs. Nixon's maiden name) family, has been organized between Washington and Los Angeles for the inaugural weekend.

The Civil Aeronautics Board allowed the flight because Braniff Airlines said the family members met the charter requirement of having an affinity of more than six months' standing, which is not based on the desire for cheap air travel only.

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